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JFK ASSASSINATION PRESS CONFERENCE

Author George O'Toole, formerly head of the Problem Analysis branch of the CIA, will be the featured spokesman at the press conference 9:30 a.m. Monday, March 10, 1975, in the Grand Ballroom of the National Press Club.

Mr. O'Toole, 38, was born in New York city Oct. 22, 1936, and performed intelligence analysis utilizing electronic data processing, operations research, etc., for the CIA in Langley, Va.

From 1962-66, he worked as a computer systems specialist for Systems Development Corp. of Santa Monica, Calif., where he set up advanced systems planning for the U.S. Air Force, including a command and control system for the Strategic Air Command.

During 1961-62, he helped found National Computer Analysts Inc. of Princeton, N.J., during which time he set up a nationwide passenger reservation system for TWA.

His experience at CIA covers the years 1966-69.

Mr. O'Toole is the author of a number of magazine articles on intelligence and espionage; his writings on technical computer problems for industry journals are numerous; and he is the author of a novel, "An Agent on the Other Side," brought out by McKay publishers in 1973.

As reported in the Washington Post on Nov. 29, 1973, it was Mr. O'Toole who revealed that portions of the 18-minute tape gap from President Nixon's conversation of June 20, 1972, could possibly be restored. O'Toole told the Post that while most private firms with tape recording expertise were unfamiliar with the process of restoring erased tapes, the CIA and NSA had the ability to do so by utilizing computer techniques.

On Nov. 24, 1973, the Washington Post quoted Mr. O'Toole's remarks before the Committee to Investigate Assassinations, at Georgetown University. Mr. O'Toole said at that forum he believed Lee Harvey Oswald, the alleged presidential assassin, to be "completely innocent" and that he would present his findings at the conclusion of his research. This information will be presented at the press conference Monday morning.

Since the findings are summarized in a book and related materials, even with a press release it might be difficult for the working press to familiarize itself with these materials during the press conference. Accordingly, I would like to suggest that working press representatives who wish to go through the materials in advance can stop by and pick them up at my office after 8 p.m. Sunday night, March 9 in the Press Building. These will be given out with the understanding that no materials can be published before 11 a.m. March 10, 1975. A press release and photographs also will be available.

Once again: the press conference is for working press only; please notify our office if you intend to be present. Thanks for your cooperation.

--- Sherwood Ross